

Community Development Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 1436a).

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 274—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT FUNDING FOR THE FEDERAL PELL GRANT PROGRAM SHOULD NOT BE CUT IN ANY DEFICIT REDUCTION PROGRAM

Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. REED of Rhode Island, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. BROWN of Ohio) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

S. RES. 274

Whereas the Federal Pell Grant program has been the cornerstone of the Federal financial aid system since grants were first distributed in the 1970s;

Whereas during 2010, almost 9,000,000 students in the United States received a Federal Pell Grant;

Whereas the number of students receiving a Federal Pell Grant increased by 26 percent between the 2008-2009 academic year and the 2009-2010 academic year;

Whereas when Federal Pell Grants were first distributed in 1976, such grants paid for 72 percent of the average cost of a 4-year public institution of higher education while in 2011 the maximum Federal Pell Grant covers only 34 percent of such cost;

Whereas 61 percent of students who received a Federal Pell Grant during the 2008-2009 academic year came from households that earned less than \$30,000 and 99 percent of such students came from households that earned \$50,000 a year or less;

Whereas during the 2008-2009 academic year, 68 percent of students receiving a Federal Pell Grant were 21 years of age or older;

Whereas the unemployment rate for individuals with a baccalaureate degree is consistently half of the unemployment rate for individuals with only a secondary school diploma; and

Whereas education is a vital part of ensuring that the United States workforce is prepared for the 21st Century and the United States remains the world leader in innovation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that funding for the Federal Pell Grant program should not be cut in any deficit reduction package.

SENATE RESOLUTION 275—DESIGNATING OCTOBER 30, 2011, AS A NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROGRAM WORKERS

Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. MCCONNELL, and Mr. CORKER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 275

Whereas, since World War II, hundreds of thousands of men and women, including uranium miners, millers, and haulers, have

served the United States by building the nuclear defense weapons of the United States;

Whereas these dedicated workers paid a high price for their service to develop a nuclear weapons program for the benefit of the United States, including having developed disabling or fatal illnesses;

Whereas the Senate recognized the contribution, service, and sacrifice these patriotic men and women made for the defense of the United States in Senate Resolution 151, 111th Congress, agreed to May 20, 2009, and Senate Resolution 653, 111th Congress, agreed to September 28, 2010;

Whereas a national day of remembrance time capsule has been crossing the United States, collecting artifacts and the stories of the nuclear workers relating to the nuclear defense era of the United States;

Whereas these stories and artifacts reinforce the importance of recognizing these nuclear workers; and

Whereas these patriotic men and women deserve to be recognized for the contribution, service, and sacrifice they have made for the defense of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates October 30, 2011, as a national day of remembrance for nuclear weapons program workers, including uranium miners, millers, and haulers, of the United States; and

(2) encourages the people of the United States to support and participate in appropriate ceremonies, programs, and other activities to commemorate October 30, 2011, as a national day of remembrance for past and present workers in the nuclear weapons program of the United States.

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to submit a resolution to encourage all Americans to support October 30, 2011 as a national day of remembrance for past and present workers in the U.S. nuclear weapons program. I am pleased that Senators ALEXANDER, CANTWELL, CRAPO, CORKER, GILLIBRAND, GRAHAM, MCCONNELL, MARK UDALL and TOM UDALL, have joined me in introducing this bipartisan legislation.

Since World War II, hundreds of thousands of men and women, including uranium miners, millers, and haulers, have served the United States by building our nuclear defense weapons. We should all take time to remember our fellow Americans who have paid a high price for their service to develop the nuclear program for United States.

Some of these workers have developed disabling or fatal illnesses, and we should recognize their sacrifice and contributions. By honoring nuclear complex workers and uranium miners who have contributed to our nation's defense over the past 6 decades, we will also recognize the sacrifices made by family members who have cared for sick and injured workers. Additionally, the commemoration on October 30th will serve to remind Americans that we still have work to do in ensuring the health and benefits of our nuclear weapons workers.

I urge my colleagues to support this important resolution.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 22, 2011, at 9:30 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 22, 2011, at 10 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 22, 2011, at 2:15 p.m. in room 628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct a oversight hearing entitled "Tribal Law and Order Act One Year Later: Have We Improved Public Safety and Justice Throughout Indian Country?"

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 22, 2011, at 10 a.m., in SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 22, 2011, at 2:30 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT AND THE COURTS

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 22, 2011, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Protecting Seniors and Persons with Disabilities—An Examination of Court-Appointed Guardians."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FEDERAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION, FEDERAL SERVICES, AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on